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NEEDED LEGISLATION.

Our Democratic friends in Virginia have been for years proclaiming their hostility to trusts. Ever since the question of suppressing trusts has been mooted the Democrats have been in absolute control of every department of the State, executive, legislative and judicial. We would like to enquire what the Virginia Democrats have done by law to regulate the trusts? Many other States have enacted anti-trust laws and are enforcing them as thoroughly as they can.

Instead of doing likewise, the Virginia Legislatures have appeared to be thoroughly under the control of corporations and lobbyists. The present General Assembly, instead of showing an interest in trust legislation, seems intent in trying to shape our statute law to conform to the partisan spirit of the late constitutional convention, or investigating disgraceful charges against a Democratic county judge who was a member of the late constitutional convention.

If there ever was a time when the question of trusts should have the careful and honest consideration of the Virginia Legislature, that time has now arrived. The suffering that has been occasioned by coal famine in many cities and towns of other States, and even in Virginia, has given the question a sharper point than it ever had before. In some States the authorities have proceeded to act against coal companies and dealers for violation of anti-trust laws. In Ohio, by direction of Governor Nash, Attorney General Sheets has filed in the Supreme Court quo warranto suits against big coal companies to take their charters from them. The companies are: The New Pittsburgh Coal Company, the Sunda Creek Coal Company, the General Hocking Fuel Company, the Interstate Coal Company, and the Hocking Coal & Iron Company.

At Detroit, Mich., Prosecuting Attorney Hunt has filed information in the Wayne Circuit Court against the Detroit Local exchange, an organization of thirty local coal dealers, charging violation of the State anti-trust law of 1890, and asking for an injunction. A law similar to the one which is being enforced in Ohio, or the one in Michigan, should be enacted in every State of the Union. The Virginia Democracy should long ago have proved by acts that they were honest in their professed hostility to trusts. They have had the power to do something and have not done it. They have the chance now to show their faith by their works. Will they do anything?

GENERAL GAME LAW.

We see that a general game law for the State is likely to be passed at the present session of the Legislature. Such a law has long been needed. There have heretofore been too many special game laws, some applying to certain counties and others to certain other counties, that they have been a source of interminable confusion. A uniform law which will apply to every county in the State will be much more useful.

If a general law is enacted it should have several provisions that have not been in any of the special laws heretofore in force. One provision should be, that persons coming from other States to hunt in Virginia shall pay a license. Another provision should forbid the shipment of any game from the State, except by those, perhaps, who come here and pay a license for the privilege of shooting. The amount to be shipped by such licensed hunters should be limited in quantity. There should also be a rigid provision to prevent hunters from trespassing. The latter will make the law more satisfactory to landowners.

It is now said that the Hon. Carter Harrison will again be a candidate for the mayoralty of Chicago.

Most Rev. George Montgomery, D. D., bishop of Los Angeles, has been appointed coadjutor of the archiepiscopal diocese of San Francisco.

A whiskey famine is threatened in Kentucky. This is much more alarming to the average Kentucky Colonel than a coal or even bread famine.

They do say that the Virginia Legislature is going to pass a "pure elections law." If it does, the millennium must be drawing nigh, and we hope it is.

Statistics show that the production of pig iron on January 1st was the largest on record. The weekly capacity of the furnaces in operation in the United States on that date was 355,714 tons. The total production for the month of December, 1902, was 1,572,073 tons, and for the year 17,700,000 tons.

SIXTH DISTRICT IGNORED.

At the meeting of the House Tuesday afternoon, S. Gordon Cumming of Hampton, offered a bill restricting the State. The only changes called for are in the Second, Third, Fourth and Eighth districts. The Sixth remains untouched. We must confess no surprise at this report. In fact, the surprise would have been on the other hand, had the special from Richmond stated that the least material change had been made in the Sixth Congressional District. When the unfortunate situation obtains that the Virginia legislature is nothing short of a political aggregation with a mutual agreement to stand together, right or wrong, inspired by no higher aim than that of delving in "peanut" politics, the planning and scheming for the perpetuation in office at home of the political henchmen who were instrumental in sending them there, and making the most of the job a glib constituency has given them, what else could be expected? What cure they for the fact that one half of the Sixth Congressional District is represented in Congress by a representative who is as ignorant of the wants and requirements of the people of the other end as one from Honolulu? What care they for the fact that it is impossible for a representative from the city of Lynchburg to serve Roanoke without first doing violence to his conscience which naturally inclines him to his own city, first, last and all the time? What care that body for anything that is not impregnated with the dirt of low politics?

There is not a member of the Virginia legislature who does not know that the geographical situation of the Sixth Congressional District is inimical in a hundred ways to the progress of the district; that the people of the Eastern part are as different in every respect from the people of the Western as the inhabitants of Maine are from the inhabitants of Georgia. They know that the commercial interests of the city of Lynchburg and of the city of Roanoke can never by any possible means be commercially reconciled; that their interests must on every occasion clash, which makes congressional representation the rankest farce; but because it might politically (?) endanger the future prospects of some member of the clan whose political bee has already taken a buzz, we are permitted to commercially suffer, to go without representation in Congress and to exist in a state inimical to every idea of progress. They know too that there is no homogeneity whatever between the several counties composing the district. We are not prepared to state as a certainty, but would be willing to risk anything in reason upon it, that the changes in the districts named have at the bottom of them some little venal, rotten and corrupt political game that is so small that no one other than a member of the legislature would be capable of detecting it with the naked eye. If the new constitution is not more than offset by the workings of that body before the session is over—if it ever comes to an end—then we will be indeed surprised beyond measure.—Roanoke Times.

We feel a deep sympathy for our wailing, outraged Roanoke contemporary in its bold condemnation of the "peanut" politics of the Virginia Legislature, which it describes as "nothing short of a political aggregation with a mutual agreement in-tense to stand together, right or wrong," for the purpose of perpetuating their power and that of their henchmen at home.

But our sympathy would be much deeper and our respect more earnest for our esteemed contemporary, if it would have the courage to assail the "peanut" politics that dominated the late constitutional convention more completely than it does the Legislature. We take it that the "Times" intends to express its sincere confidence in the work of the constitutional convention when it says: "If the new constitution is not more than offset by the workings of that body (the Legislature) before the session is over—if ever it comes to an end—then we will be indeed surprised beyond measure." If the Legislature is playing a "little venal, rotten and corrupt political game," it is doing it at the suggestion of the men who played the same, but a more intense, game in the constitutional convention. They belonged to "the clan," whose political bee had already taken a buzz. Why, the dominant spirit of that convention was the man who now represents the Roanoke District in Congress, and whom the Times says, "is as ignorant of the wants and requirements of the people at the other end as one from Honolulu."

The fact of the business is, that the convention and constitution were called into existence by the "peanut" politics that the Roanoke Times so heartily decries; and the Congressman to whom it takes such exception was the slick politician whose profound statesmanship (?) swayed the "peanut" politicians of the convention. They met to fix things for themselves and for their henchmen in perpetuity; and it is about time the Times and others who despise corrupt politics should recognize this fact.

Possible Relief From Free Coal.

(Philadelphia Press.)

The passage by Congress yesterday of the bill putting anthracite coal on the free list and providing for a rebate of the duty on bituminous coal for one year shows how rapidly business can be done when there is no frictions opposition. This bill first passed the House, and was then amended in the Senate so as to put anthracite coal on the free list, and that amendment was agreed to in the House and the bill made ready for the President's signature, all within a few hours' time. Considering the importance of the measure the record is remarkable.

If the Democrats in the House could have had their way a partisan debate would have followed which might have long delayed the passage of the bill. Nothing would have been accomplished by debate, excepting, perhaps, to bring out more conspicuously the insincerity of the Democrats, who put duty on bituminous coal in the Wilson tariff act. As to anthracite, it was on the free list until the Dingley bill was passed, and it was not then intended to make it dutiable. The

object in imposing the duty was to meet the opinion of a Judge in California, who decided that certain semi-bituminous coal imported into San Francisco was "anthracite." The Dingley law did not put a duty on all anthracite, but it went further than, was intended, and as there is no need of any duty on such coal it is well that the duty has been removed.

Opinions differ as to the effect of this legislation. Many think that it will be helpful, while others, such as Mr. Dalzell, have expressed the opinion that it will not have any particular effect. But the people are in distress for coal, and anything that tends to relieve them should be tried. The duty on coal is 67 cents a ton. At the ruling prices now that rate of duty would not exclude coal. There was not a ton of anthracite imported in November, 1901, but in the corresponding month of 1902 34,659 tons of what was called anthracite under the Dingley law were imported. In November, 1901, 17,999 tons of bituminous from Great Britain were imported, while in the same month of 1902 the imports were 216,669 tons. This goes to show that foreign coal is coming in freely now, and there may not be much of an increase.

On the Pacific Coast, where no trouble exists, this measure will increase the importation of bituminous from Canada, where wages are low, Chinamen being employed, and it may have the same effect in New England. Coal from Nova Scotia can be delivered in New England at small cost of transportation. It is a remedy worth trying, though the effect may not be in any way decisive, as Nova Scotia is now sending all the coal she can spare.

The Pure Elections Bill.

(Norfolk-Virginian Pilot.)

The pure elections bill of Senator Barksdale has been ordered engrossed.

With the context of the bill we are not familiar but its purpose we are prepared to most cordially endorse. Indeed, the Virginian-Pilot has often insisted that the greatest problem before the American people was involved in the question, How shall the will of the qualified voters be accurately ascertained and registered, without fraud and without joggery? Senator Barksdale's bill forbidding the use of money in elections certainly looks to that end. The great trouble is likely to be in enforcing the law, or such experience in this country would seem to indicate. In England there is a similar law and according to reports it is rigidly enforced with the result that there is very little money used in elections and bribery is rare.

We should like to see a pure elections law on our statute books and see it rigidly enforced. In the matter of ballot box frauds, it is confidently predicted that a new and cleaner era is at hand in Virginia, but it will not profit us greatly if bribery is to thrive and flourish. Indeed, ballot box frauds have more than once been used to thwart bribery in their purposes, but now let us have an end of both.

The Barksdale bill or some similar measure should become law.

The crowned heads of every nation, the rich men, poor men and misers, all join in paying tribute to DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

H. Williams, San Antonio, Tex., writes: "Little Early Riser Pills are the best I ever used in my family. I unhesitatingly recommend them to everybody. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, malaria and all other liver troubles." T. R. Smoot, Tiptop and Wiggins Mills, Va.

Admiral Dewey's pet dog, "Admiral Dewey" has just landed in San Francisco, from the Orient. Many pictures of the admiral have been printed showing the little white dog standing by his side. D. L. Smith, a business man of Yokohama, now owns the dog.

The late Albert M. Knight, former bur-ear of the Institute of Technology, Boston, according to his will, has left his books and manuscripts to the public library at Fitchburg, N. H., in memory of Jonas Knight, his grandfather.

Mrs. Nellie M. Moore, of East Pepperell, Mass., a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, is preparing a family genealogy. Her father was born in the same log cabin in which the great President was born in 1809.

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Right Rev. Julius A. Charton, bishop of Osaka, Japan, who is traveling abroad in the work seeking aid for the Roman Catholic missions in Japan, is in Brooklyn.

Jno. E. Jackson guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for a gripe, coughs, colds, croup, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. Jno. E. Jackson, drug-gist.

There is more coal now being used for making steam in the United States than was demanded for all purposes before the present era of prosperity. This, in a measure, accounts for the great shortage in the supply.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Signor Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, is said to have discovered a method by which oxygen may be extracted from air at a very slight expense.

Mrs. Betsey M. Stevens, the surviving sister of the late General Benjamin F. Butler, has just celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday at the old homestead at Nottingham, N. H.

Charles B. Horton, formerly an Indian fighter, has been made the new superintendent of the western division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb.

Lord Strathcona, chancellor of McGill University, has offered to give the last \$20,000 required to construct a gymnasium.

Major Thomas Talbot has been made chairman of the Republican State Committee of Massachusetts, to succeed Colonel A. H. Goetting.

Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. CHENEY & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, Price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, is opposed to a shortening of the college course for colleges not located in large cities.

One Hundred Dollars a Box is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. T. R. Smoot, Tiptop and Wiggins Mills, Va.

King Edward has definitely fixed the first week in March for his visit to the Riviera. He will live entirely on board the royal yacht.

Dislocated Her Shoulder. Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not been able to do for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by Jno. E. Jackson, drug-gist.

Captain Francis Marion Schell, the famous scout and plainsman, has just died. He took the first wagon train to California in the gold excitement of 1849.

Cures Blood Poison, Cancer, Ulcers. If you have offensive pimples, or eruptions, ulcers on any part of the body, itching bones or joints, falling hair, mucous patches, swollen glands, skin itching and worse, sore lips or gums, eating, festering sores, sharp, unending pains, then you suffer from serious blood poison or the beginning of deadly cancer. You may be permanently cured by taking Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) made especially to cure the worst blood and skin diseases. Heals every sore or ulcer, even deadly cancer, stops all aches and pains and reduces all swellings. Botanic Blood Balm cures all rheumatic blood troubles, such as eczema, scales and redness, itching, running sores, carbuncles, scrofula. Druggists, \$1. To prove it cure, sample of Blood Balm sent free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and receive medical advice sent sealed letter.

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P. T. Leonard, the oldest active photographer in the United States, has just died in Racine, Wisconsin.

Heads Should Never Ache. Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va., she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of ick headaches I had suffered from them for two years." Cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness. 25c at Jno. E. Jackson's drug store.

Chief Justice Henry Melver has just died at the age of 77 at his home, in Clear, South Carolina.

Don't Worry. This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help the matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry as to the outcome will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. Sold by Jno. E. Jackson, the drug-gist.

Stephen Phillip's classic drama "Ulysses" will not be seen in America until next October.

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Horace G. Wadlin has been chosen librarian of the Boston Public Library, in place of James S. Whitney, resigned.

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HAIR AND INTELLECT. Inferences About the Subliminal from the Top-Crest-Artists and Children Prove the Rule.

Some curious statistics relating to hair have been collected by the school authorities at Lille. Thus, the Auburn-haired boys are generally at the head of the recitation classes, and the blonde girls learn their lessons best, says London Truth. Auburn boys and blonde lasses come out highest as arithmeticians. But in composition they are nowhere. The dark-haired children of both sexes have the quality of imagination, and in their compositions know how not to fatigue the attention. They have movement and originality. In short, they seem, as compared to the auburns and blondes, born stylists. Now, that I think of it, Sarah Bernhardt is, or was, auburn-haired, and Mme. Bartet had light brown hair 25 years ago—so light as to be almost fair. I should not call the late Mme. Jacques Stern (Croizette) in the hey-day of her charms a blonde. But she had a darkish shade of fair hair that looked like heavy sherry floss silk, and the rudeness that one associates with auburn. Mme. Sarny was also fair without being exactly a blonde. I darsay the auburn boys and blonde lasses in the Lille elementary schools are of Flemish, that is to say phlegmatic, race. Their brains do not grow at once congested when they stand up to recite and for that reason they keep the mastery of the vocal organs. In short, they continue to know what they are about. The dark children are probably of Celtic, that is to say Gallic, origin. The blood comes with a rush to their brains, and they grow confused, splutter, and break down. If they could only be taught to remain silent for a few moments, they would be all the better for this rush, as the confusion would have passed away, leaving only stimulated mental organs. Goldsmith, who was dark, and whose verses were so confused in conversation, O'Connell wore a black wig, but his real hair in youth was auburn. I recollect very old people who heard him plead in his prime speak of it as such. His readiness was wonderful. But perhaps he might not have recited so well what somebody else had written.

I have rarely heard a great French orator recite. Grevy, the president of the republic, was one of the few, and he recited perfectly in reciting Voltaire's verses to Emile Gambetta, in a low, sweet voice, recited sometimes

passages from his favorite poets. Thiers could commit nothing to memory in the way of a poem or a speech by another orator. He had himself too much to say to inebriate his mind with the writings of others. Louis Blanc shone, however, in reciting declamatory passages from Corneille and Racine, but his brother Charles—a fair, Jewish-looking man, not unlike the first Baron James de Rothschild—beat him in declamation at the ecclesiastical school where they passed their youth. Charles Blanc triumphed in both masculine and feminine parts, and drew tears from his reverend preceptor's eyes as Andromaque. Louis was best as Polyucte or the Cid. Imagine wee Louis Blanc giving the illusion of that heroic warrior! Victor Hugo never seemed grander than in reading some noble work of his own. An old passport given to him in his twenty-seventh year speaks of him as having auburn hair, long and remarkably thick. I heard him recite the "To be or not to be," soliloquy as translated by his son Francois. Did he not throw expression into it!

To come back to stage people, the two Quinquells are fair. Mile. Schneider, who rather recited than sang in the operettas of Offenbach, was remarkably fair. It may be that the late Queen Victoria would have read her speeches less well had she been a brunette. Rachel is an illustrious instance on the other side. I do not know whether her rival and supplanter Ristori should be classed among the dark or fair actresses. When I made her acquaintance the early color of her hair and complexion had departed. She had a fair-haired brother who suddenly became white-haired. He used to teach Italian, however, in a singing school.

Finally, on the subject of hair, I am sorry to say that the red-headed boys and girls in the Lille schools—les roux et les rousses—are at the bottom in everything save in good conduct marks. Nor are they remarkable for good health. The dark boys behave better than the auburn or the fair, and are more sensitive to praise or blame.

PERILS OF THE TRAPPERS. How the Famous Scott and Many Others Went to Their Deaths on the Platte River.

In the United States the free hunters approach the mountains by three main routes. It was coming down the Platte that poor Scott's canoe was overturned, his powder lost and his rifle rendered useless, relates Outing. Game had retreated to the mountains with spring's advance. Berries were not ripe by the time trappers were descending with their winter's hunt. Scott and his famishing men could not find edible roots. Each day Scott weakened. There was no food. Finally Scott had strength to go no further. His men had found tracks of some other hunting party far to the fore. They thought that in any case he could not live. What ought they to do? Hang back and starve with him, or hasten forward while they had strength to the party whose tracks they had espied. On pretense of seeking roots, they deserted the helpless man. The next spring when these same hunters went up the Platte they found the skeleton of poor Scott 60 miles from the place where they had left him. The terror that spurred the emaciated man to drag himself all this weary distance can hardly be conceived; but such were the fearful odds taken by every free trapper who went up the Platte, across the parched plains or to the headwaters of the Missouri.

VENEZUELA IS DECAYING. German Traveler States That Mixed Negroes and Indians Are Getting an Upper Hand.

Dr. Passarge, the noted traveler, who has just returned from Venezuela, says, according to a Berlin report: "President Castro is a full-blooded Indian and an energetic man without political wisdom. He rose suddenly from magistrate of a remote village at the foot of the Andes to the presidency, and his rapid rise made him overconfident."

"The present situation is due to two facts: Germany suddenly suspended the pressure of the early part of the war, which diminished the respect in which she was held by President Castro; secondly, the attitude of the officials of the great Venezuelan railroad toward President Castro. Germany's first principle must be not to meddle in the internal affairs of Venezuela. But the railroad officials forgot this."

Dr. Passarge describes the state as drifting to certain decay and as following a steadily downward course since Gen. Blanco's presidency. The color question plays an important role in political tendencies. The mixed negroes and Indians, etc., are getting an upper hand in society and politics.

Occupations and Color of Hair. Dr. Beddoe has said that there is a distinct relation between man's pursuits and the color of his hair. An unusual proportion of men with dark, straight hair enter the military; red-whiskered men are apt to be given to sporting and horseflesh; the tall, vigorous, blonde man, lineal descendant of the Vikings, still contributes a large contingent to travelers and emigrants.—Detroit News-Tribune.

No Cause to Complain. "See here," remarked the guest to the new waiter, "there doesn't seem to be any soup on this menu card."

"Oh, no, sir," replied the waiter, nervously. "I didn't spill it at this table—it was the one on the other side of the room."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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